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BY TELEGRAPH.

More Change.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The next important change in the Treasury Department, it is stated today, will be the retirement of J. W. Douglas, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who resigns his position to take effect the first of May. It is understood he will succeed Judge Peck, of the Court of Claims.

ANDREW JOHNSON

is still in the city, devoting considerable time to visiting the Executive Departments and attending to business there for his constituents.

MR. NEW,

who is to succeed Treasurer Spinner, was yesterday presented to Spinner at the Treasury Department. He will come to Washington as soon as he can arrange his private business in Cincinnati. The new Treasurer has made an excellent impression.

Financial Furor.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The excitement in the stock market yesterday, over the reported failure of Daniel Drew, was allayed by a telegram from him that all his contracts should be met. It is supposed his brokers will this morning act accordingly.

THE ESCAPED MURDERER.

sharkey, is expected to leave Havana today in custody of a detective, and will arrive here about the beginning of next week.

The Connecticut Campaign.

NEW HAVEN, March 31.—Senator Bayard, of Delaware, delivered a campaign speech last evening, in Music Hall, before a large audience. His address was a general arraignment of the Administration. He especially denounced its policy in regard to Louisiana, Arkansas, and other Southern matters.

WILKESBARRE, PA., March 31.—It is

the general opinion that the Delaware and Hudson trestle bridge will be swept away by ice. It was reported late last night that a heavy gorge near Owego had given way; but a few hours, or days, at most, must bring on the crisis.

Fire-arm Casualties—Killing Premiums

—Fruit and Grain Prospects, &c., &c. Special to the Star.

DAYTON, O., March 31.—A chapter of

accidents from fire-arms is reported; two of them from near Winchester, Preble county, where a young man named Welsh had his right hand shattered yesterday morning by the premature discharge of a gun carried by a companion with whom he was out hunting; and a boy from the same neighborhood on last Monday evening was badly wounded by the charge from a shot-gun that exploded in the hands of another boy; and last evening a lad residing near this city was shot in the leg by the careless handling of his weapon.

The Directors of the Southern Ohio Fair Association will offer racing premiums at their next exhibition to the amount of \$15,000.

It is conceded that the prospects for a fruit crop this season are very poor, owing to the injury it received during the very severe winter. The grain generally promises well, and an abundant yield may be expected.

Messrs. Clarke, Kratochwill and Fairchild, three of the nominees of the Republican City Convention, have refused to run, and the following have been named in their stead: For Police Commissioner, Joseph Gerlich; Trustee of Water-works, John Brownell; Constable, William Hosier.

Items.

Specials to the Star.

SPRINGFIELD, O., March 31.—A narrow Gauge move meeting will be held at the Opera-house to-morrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. The officers of the road will be present. A large and effective meeting is expected.

On East Main street Slack's gun store was robbed of one double-barrel shot-gun and several smaller articles, altogether worth \$50 or \$60.

Spring weather is enlivening business, and trade seems to be excellent.

FRANKLIN, O.—On Sabbath last a large

number of people assembled at the foot of Jackson street to witness the immersion of five persons by Rev. Lockert, of the Baptist Church.

Wm. Roeder's little girl, aged three years, died of scarlet fever Monday.

Miss Jennie Sniff died at the residence of her grandfather, R. Wilkinson, Esq., on Tuesday morning, of malignant scarlet fever.

Samuel Thompson is moving from town; he takes charge of the large farm at Anna, Ohio, belonging to J. L. Thirkield.

The Citizens' Building and Loan Association has been organized. Tickets for the election of Directors are printed.

The Second National Bank is expected to go into operation soon.

The old grave-yard by the depot is being filled preparatory to the erection of an extensive business house.

We are still having "spells." The next at the Presbyterian Church Friday evening.

A number of residences will be put up this spring and summer. We need about one hundred houses here at the present time.

The popular notion, that the present generation is physically weaker and smaller than the primitive or ancient, is not utterly unfounded, but there is abundant evidence that the reverse is true. Most of us would be amazed if not shocked at a true and life-size portrait of the real Eve, "mother of all living." We often hear, indeed, of giants' bones here and there dug up, but intelligent examination invariably proves them to have belonged to the mammoth or other animal. A singular blunder of the kind shows the real value of such reputed discoveries. Years ago, a skeleton was dug from the calcareous shale at Oeningen, which the veteran savant Schaubert confidently christened "Homo diluvii testis"—the man who saw the flood. Casts of it were made for various museums, and, in full faith in the legitimacy of the name, one Deacon Muller was moved to write some pious and edifying lines about it. Unfortunately, the edifying nature of the skeleton proved it to be that—not of an ancient sinner, but a large salamander, closely resembling the Giant Salamander of Japan. The indications are that the primeval man of Europe and his nearer descendants were of short stature.

A reward of \$5,000 is offered for the discovery of the murderer of Yost, in Easttown, New York, on the 6th inst.

NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

LONDON, March 31.—The British Commission of the Philadelphia Exhibition have sent circulars to three thousand persons who have taken part in exhibitions and agricultural shows in this country during the last seven years, and also to Chambers of Commerce and heads of municipalities throughout the British Isles. The answers already received indicate that Ireland and the North of England will be well represented at the Centennial Exhibition.

PARIS, March 31.—A decree has been issued prohibiting the importation of American potatoes, or sacks or barrels in which they had been packed. This is done to provide against the introduction of the Colorado beetle.

The University publishes a Papal Encyclical, renewing the excommunication against the old Catholics of Switzerland, and censuring the authorities for protecting them.

The French Government has agreed to the Berne Postal Convention.

MADRID, March 31.—General Concha, late Captain General of Cuba, has addressed a petition to the king, accusing General Jovellar, his predecessor in the Captain Generalcy and the new Minister of War, of being the cause of lack of discipline in the Spanish army on that island; also, censuring the conduct of General Jovellar as Minister of War. The petition has created a profound sensation. The newspapers are compelled to maintain silence in regard to it.

BERLIN, March 31.—Dr. Henry Foerster, Bishop of Breslau, has been summoned to resign his bishopric because he promulgated the Papal Encyclical against the ecclesiastical laws.

The conference of Roman Catholic bishops at Fula is held with closed doors. The object of the meeting is to discuss the question of a pastoral letter concerning the bill before the Prussian Diet withdrawing State grants from the Church.

A Rhyming Match.

Pittsburg having become sated with spelling matches has invented a new feature in the "match" line in the shape of a rhyming match, which is thus described by the Leader man:

Last night the new idea was put into practice by a rhyming match at the First Universalist Church, Grant street and Third avenue. About one hundred and fifty persons collected in the church, and the entertainment was opened with a spelling match, followed by the rhymers. Prof. Durwin, of the High School, was the captain of one of the sides, with C. C. Lean and Dr. J. C. Bufum, Jr., as captains of the respective sides, which numbered twenty persons each. Mr. Lean's side won the spell, but Dr. Bufum's "got away" with the others on the rhyming. The *modus operandi* for conducting the latter contest was that the schoolmaster should give out a line from the canon of one of the sides should make a line within five seconds to rhyme to it; then the other captain would make another line to rhyme, then No. 2 on the other side should follow suit, and so on. The verse was to consist of four lines, and if a pupil was longer than five seconds in making his rhyme he would go down. When one verse had been finished the schoolmaster proposed another line, and three lines would be given by the pupils in regular order to rhyme with it. Here, for instance, is one of the verses, which was composed last night in fifteen seconds:

(Teacher)—This hoped all will give attention to the teacher,

(Dr. Bufum)—Because he's such a nice creature;

(C. C. Lean)—It's well portrayed in every feature—

(Frank Bufum)—You can't say so of Henry Ward Beecher.

The last line, spontaneous as it was, "brought down the house." Another thing that occasioned considerable merriment was when the teacher incidentally remarked to one of the captains, "get all your side to stick to you." Captain Lean at once made a rhyme of it and said, "and don't, Mr. Teacher, kick up such a hullabaloo."

On the spelling matches, now that the ball has been started, will soon throw the "spelling schules" into the shade.

A lady of Washington county, New York, is the mother of a large family of children, and they are all rather diminutive. A few days after the birth of the smallest child, a piece of the lady called to see the baby. After looking at the tiny specimen for a few minutes, the little girl said: "Aunt Maria, don't you think it would be better to have less of em and have 'em bigger?"

"It is of no use to avoid the issue," said a learned judge to a broker, "your case will be settled by the issue of a bench warrant. Warrants, warrants, bench warrants," said the broker, consulting his latest reports, "how much on the dollar are they worth now?"

Lake Michigan was frozen over solid, during the winter, an event that has never occurred before, so far as is known. The Chicago river was also frozen solid to the bottom.

Speaking of Edwin Forrest's last appearance on the stage, a correspondent says: His last engagement was in Boston. He had had an attack of pneumonia which affected one of his lungs. Mr. Oakes, his life-long friend, implored him not to go on the stage again. He was ill all the afternoon, so hoarse that he could hardly speak. The play was "Richard III." All the chorus of his physicians and friends could not keep him from the theater. Too feeble to walk he was led to his dressing-room and arrayed himself for the part. The physician had given Mr. Oakes a small phial of whisky, telling him that if Forrest showed signs of suffering to administer it to him. When Forrest heard this he said: "If I die on the stage I will die, but they shan't find any rum in me." A chair was put behind the scenes, and when he was called he was led to it by Mr. Oakes. When his cue came he was raised to his feet. "Steady me," he said, "steady me, and let me go on."

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WHAT THE WIRES WHISPER.

Henry Overstolz was an independent candidate for Mayor of St. Louis.

The President's family will leave Washington to-morrow morning for New York.

Samuel T. Houghton has been appointed Internal Revenue Store-keeper for the Fifth Kentucky District.

Four fine bridges have been swept away by ice and high water on the Ekhorn river. Further damage is apprehended.

One hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars in specie was shipped from Southampton to the United States yesterday.

At New Richmond, Wis., the present actual terminus of the North Wisconsin Railroad, a grain elevator was burned yesterday.

At Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mr. Benigan, affected with insanity, attempted to murder his wife and children, and was taken into custody.

In Pittsburg, yesterday, Tildie Leonard, a domestic, was burned to death by a span of horses.

Gen. Spinner's retirement will necessitate the counting of every dollar in the Treasury vaults, amounting to more than one hundred millions.

Rufus Greathouse, about 20 years of age, of Mount Carmel, Illinois, was kicked in the head by a horse yesterday, and so badly injured that his life is despaired of.

At Corry, Pa., a boy named Arnold, aged fourteen, while climbing on an Atlantic & Great Western switch-engine, Monday evening, was run over and instantly killed.

J. J. Gregory, a Cleveland fancy goods dealer, and Mrs. Fucus, milliner, are under arrest for receiving stolen goods, a large quantity of which were found on their premises.

The trustees of the Lick Fund held a meeting on Monday to discuss Lick's reversion. They will take no active steps at present, but assert their determination not to resign their trust.

Col. Fred. Grant contemplates resigning his army commission next fall, to enter the banking firm of Sherman & Co., at present composed of the nephew of Senator Sherman and H. D. Cooke, Jr.

At Mount Carmel, Illinois, Geo. Copp, aged 67 years, committed suicide yesterday, by cutting his throat with a razor. He has been insane for a few weeks, and has attempted suicide once or twice before.

The managers of Wisconsin railroads have had a number of conferences here recently, and have adopted a scale of prices in compliance with the requirements of the Quimby law. The new rates will go into effect April 1st.

A fire at Fairport, Ill., last night, destroyed one of the best blocks in the town, containing a number of stores and offices, including the halls of the Masonic and Odd-fellow fraternities. Loss \$30,000; insurance \$20,000.

Monday, while Thos. Canby, of Havdenville, Ohio, was at work, and his wife absent also, some masked parties, three in number, entered his house and bound his son, aged fifteen, and took eighty dollars and a revolver, and made their escape.

At a late hour last night the Shields Woolen Mills of Davenport, Iowa, ignited and were almost wholly consumed, together with a large amount of material and machinery. Loss \$40,000; insurance \$30,000. Sixty men are thrown out of employment.

John A. Thomas, an early settler of Crawford county, and one of the original proprietors of the land on which Crestline is built, died yesterday morning. He was the senior member of the well-known banking firm of John A. Thomas & Co., of Crestline.

Judge Davis, an old and highly esteemed citizen of Anderson, Ind., died at the residence of Dr. Burr yesterday morning from the effects of a paralytic stroke received some time ago, while traveling in Europe. He will be buried by the Masonic Order.

A man named Thos. Murphy shot himself through the head at Valparaiso, Indiana, during the night of about an hour. He was a man of sober and industrious habits. He leaves a wife and two children. Cause unknown. Verdict of the Coroner's jury not yet rendered.

A dispatch from Astoria, Oregon, says the heaviest gale ever experienced there occurred Sunday morning. The British bark Corsica dragged her anchors and went ashore. The New York ship Ida Lilly drifted to the shore and ran into the Corvise, damaging both considerably. Many minor casualties are reported.

From many portions of Southern and Northwestern Minnesota accounts come of farmers having already commenced seeding. The snow has mostly disappeared in all this region, and grain-sowing will doubtless universally commence in the course of a week. The season is counted late, but not unfavorable for the wheat crop.

A citizens' meeting was held at Grand Rapids, Mich., yesterday, to discuss the propriety of building a railroad from that city to Alpena, on Lake Huron, a distance of two hundred miles, through the most valuable timbered land in Michigan. A company has been organized some time for this purpose, who have presented a bill asking the State to appropriate one section of unsold State swamp land to each mile of the proposed road. The meeting instructed Representatives at Lansing to secure the passage of the bill at once.

Exchanges from every quarter speak in the most cheering tones of the prospects of a good spring trade. There is no doubt the country is in a reasonably sound condition, and the credit of the mercantile community on a sound basis. New York business men say the demand for goods for the West is greatly increased and they think the prospect for a legitimate trade is good and likely to improve. Confidence is being restored rapidly in all business circles.

There is a strong belief in the neighborhood of Boyle Farm in England that the missing will of the late Lord St. Leonards, for which a reward of \$500 is offered, is buried with him. It is seen in his hands a few days before his death. By his express desire the venerable Ex-Chancellor was laid in his coffin in a dressing gown which he usually wore, and in the pocket of the dressing gown is supposed to be the will.

Bronson Howard, who is now in England, will present Tennyson with a beautifully bound copy of "Lotos Leaves," in behalf of the Lotos Club.

APRIL MAGAZINES.

THE GALAXY

is well filled with choice and elegant reading. We notice contributions from many popular writers who have so frequently adorned its pages. The three serials, "Dear Lady Disdain," by Justin McCarthy; "A Norseman's Pilgrimage," by Baynes; and "Leah, a Woman of Fashion," by Mrs. Edwards, are continued, and each seems to increase in interest as the plot advances. "A New Country" is the title of an able treatise on the resources and future prospects of our American Union, and will be found very instructive as well as entertaining.

An anonymous paper entitled "My Farm at the Five-mile Stone," gives us a vivid idea of the marvelous expansion of wealth in real estate in New York City. The subject is presented in an original and pleasing shape, and well repays a perusal.

"Michael Angelo Buonarroti" is a carefully compiled and neatly written essay upon the life and character, the genius and works, of that grand old master.

The article on Louis II, of Bavaria, gives a graphic account of that versatile, budding sovereign, who has manifested such an abject, unworthy horror of his kingly duties as to become an interesting, though pitiable, spectacle to our American eyes.

"A Ring with Two Lions" is the strange title of a well-told story reflecting great credit upon the author, who has no occasion to modestly conceal his, or her, name. To another piece of light literature we find appended the name of Richard Grant White, who, in "A Tale of the Forest of Arden," contributes one more of his papers upon the plays of Shakespeare that bespeaks its own high origin.

Poetry is hardly as good as we have seen from the Galaxy writers; yet most of it is very commendable, and especially Alfred B. Street's "Just Before Sunrise."

The "Scientific Miscellany" is selected with the usual care, and comprises much that is new and of greatest interest to the reader.

In the "Driftwood" articles, the editors display their wonted ability in the discussion of various leading topics; and the "Nebula" is as brilliant and sparkling now as ever.

This favorite periodical in its present issue fully maintains its splendid reputation. We regret that we have not at our disposal the time and space to enable us to speak deservedly of its contents.

"A Chat about German Parliaments" is a most valuable paper, containing all requisite information on a subject deeply interesting to us in the light of recent European events.

The article entitled "Death Dealing Trade" treats of matters that are of vital importance to the health and well-being of millions of our people, and with which our legislative and executive authorities would act wisely to acquaint themselves.

There is a further continuation of "The Story of Sevastopol," and of Yarm's "Mysterious Island," neither of which shows any deterioration as it progresses to the end.